down prices of land and properties and also check illegal dealings in properties?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes sir.

(b) The Conference of Chief Ministers and Finance Ministers of States and Union territories convened by the Union Finance Minister on the 14th September, 1998 at New Delhi, arrived at certain conclusions as under:

(i) There was unanimity that sub-section (2) of section 30 of the Registration Act, 1908 should be repealed.

(ii) There was consensus that photographs and fingerprints of the executants should be made compulsory on documents which are being registered. There was also consensus for compulsory registration of general power of attorney which may be in the nature of a contract to sell immovable property and for consequential amendments in the Registration Act, 1908, the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and the Transfer of Property Act, 1882.

(iii) There was also consensus for providing an enabling provision for computerisation of registration of records.

The Government is considering amendment of Registration Act, 1908, the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 and the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 to give effect to the aforesaid conclusions.

(c) It is too early to estimate as to the extent of effect of the proposed legislation on the value of land and property and on checking of illegal dealings in properties.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Streamlining of Booking Procedure in AI

4562. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last week of February 2000, more than hundred passengers having confirmed tickets were off-loaded from the Air India flights because of over booking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry into-such an over booking by Air India has been made by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to streamline the booking procedure to avoid such a situation putting the passengers into unnecessary inconvenience and trouble?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This was a cascading effect of the cancellation of flight AI-129 of 18-02-2000 on the Bombay-Delhi-London-Chicago route due to the Commander reporting sick at the last minute and no substitute being available.

(c) to (e) In a number of cases problems have been caused due to irresponsible acts of the pilots besides some cases of overbookings which is an industry practice. The passengers off-loaded are accommodated in subsequent flight. This matter was also discussed in the last meeting of Parliamentary Consultative Committee held on 29/30 March, 2000. The members of the Committee deplored the indiscipline in Air India pilots and advised strong action. Government is seized of the matter.

Resumption of flights to Kathmandu

4563. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to resume flights to Kathmandu if Nepal Government agreed to the proposal of Indian Airlines staff checking passengers on the tarmac before they entered the aircraft;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Nepal Government to this proposal; and

(c) whether Government will exercise utmost caution before resuming flights to Kathmandu because of hijacking of IA IC-814?